HEALTHY CANTEEN POLICY

RATIONALE:
St Bede’s Primary School canteen is an integral part of the school community. It functions solely on a volunteer basis by the parents, with occasional support by staff and students. It provides nutritious, hygienically prepared and well presented food at an economical price. Any profit provides for the purchase of essential resources for the educational benefit of the students.

GOALS:
The St Bede’s school canteen aims to:

• encourage the development of good eating habits consistent with the Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents,
• provide a variety of food and drinks recommended by the NSW School Canteen Association,
• develop an appreciation of the social, ethnic and cultural aspects of foods, as well as the nutritional aspects,
• provide students with practical learning experiences about making healthy food choices that reinforce classroom teaching on nutrition,
• function as an efficient business enterprise that contributes to school resources,
• demonstrate high standards of food safety and hygiene in relation to the preparation, storage and serving of food at the canteen consistent with the national Food Safety Standard,
• provide an opportunity for the school community to participate in decisions concerning the operation of the school canteen through the canteen committee,
• encourage courtesy and consideration among all personnel using canteen facilities,
• provide an opportunity for parent and community involvement in the children’s educational environment,
• support canteen volunteers through suitable training opportunities.

IMPLEMENTATION:
ADMINISTRATION

• The canteen is overseen by the Parents and Friends Association
• The P&F manage the school canteen through a canteen committee and coordinator.
• The canteen committee will be responsible for operating the canteen in accordance with this policy and its supporting documents.
• The canteen committee/coordinate will present a report to each general meeting of the sponsoring body
• The committee chairperson shall present a written report and the auditor’s report to the annual general meeting of the sponsoring body.
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FURTHER INFORMATION:
This policy has been developed according to the guidelines of the New South Wales School Canteen Association (www.schoolcanteens.org.au)